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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 09/923,132 for "Bioluminescent Methods for Direct Visual Detection of Environmental Compounds" by John Sanseverino, Gary S. Sayler and Steven A. Ripp (client ref: PD 00027)
Atty Docket No.: 6704-15-1

Sir:

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BIOLUMINESCENT METHODS FOR DIRECT VISUAL DETECTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPOUNDS

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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure statements be entered and the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

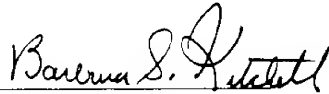
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The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of a first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits subsequent to the filing of a Request for Continuing Examination (RCE), and hence is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b). No fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these materials, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Akerman Senterfitt, Deposit Account No. 50-0951.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

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